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**TO: HEALTH INSURERS THAT SELL PRODUCTS IN THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GROUP MARKET**

FROM: LAWRENCE H. MIREL, COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: HEALTH LAWS NOTICE GUIDE

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The Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA), formerly known as the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, has developed a “New Health Laws Notice Guide.” This guide has sample notices that health insurers should be sending out to enrollees/subscribers in compliance with provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the Mental Health Parity Act of 1996 (MHPA), the Newborns’ and Mothers’ Health Protection Act of 1996 and the Women’s Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998. Since the District of Columbia laws are modeled after these Federal statutes, it is necessary for health insurers selling products in the District of Columbia group market to issue these notices to their enrollees/subscribers. The “New Health Laws Notice Guide” may be downloaded from www.dol.gov/ebsa under the section entitled “Employers, Service Providers, Fiduciaries, Plan Sponsors”.

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